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FOR: BETA-CATENIN OLIGONUCLEOTIDE MICROCHIP AND METHOD FOR

DETECTING BETA-CATENIN MUTATIONS EMPLOYING SAME

RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding Office Communication dated May 17, 2006.

Pursuant to 35 USC 121, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, inclusive of claims 1-6, drawn to a β -catenin oligonucleotide microchip, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2 for examination on the merits.

Applicant acknowledges that if a product claim is subsequently found allowable, process claims in Groups II and III that have been withdrawn pursuant to this election and otherwise depend from or include all of the limitations of the allowance product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

Applicant does not elect to traverse the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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